

Case No. F7483(V)

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following section heading on page 1 after the title:

Background and Summary of the Invention

Please add the following section heading before the first paragraph on page 11:

Detailed Description of the Invention

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 28 on page 11 with the following amended paragraph:

During the process rice kernels are introduced via feed door (3) into chamber (4). Simultaneously a gas stream, preferably air is introduced below plate (5). The velocity of this gas stream is controlled by impeller (14) through which fresh gas is introduced via process fan (6). The temperature of the gas is measured and controlled by recirculating part of the process gas via the openings in the lid (13) whereupon the gas is reheated if necessary by heating elements (7). The heated gas is introduced in chamber (4) via the blades in plates (5). The rice kernels that are introduced via feed door (3) are heated while they are subjected to a toroidal movement in the lower parts of chamber (4) and form a toroidal, fluidised bed. The major part of the gas however is circulated via the openings in lid (13) and is reheated by elements (7). After the time required to perform the process the process is stopped and the product is removed via outlet feed door (8) and cooled in the cooling chamber (9). It will be apparent that the above is a batch process.